

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

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EXPORT OF HONEY
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian honey is being exported to various developing and developed countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the quantity and value of honey being exported from the country, year-wise and State-wise;
- (c) whether the honey growers are being educated to produce quality honey for export;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the foreign exchange earned through honey export on yearly basis;
- (e) whether any steps have been initiated to provide incentives to the farmers to boost the honey exports; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) Yes,Sir.

(b) Major markets for Indian honey are the United States of America, Germany, Saudi Arabia, United Kingdom, Sri Lanka, France, Japan, Malaysia, and South Africa.The details of export during the last three years are given below:

(Quantity in metric tons; value Rupees in crore)

2004-05 2005-06 2006-07

Quantity Value Quantity Value Quantity Value

10523.24 68.26 16769.23 116.21 8135.00 60.91

Source: DGCIS State -wise data for export of honey is not available.

(c) Yes,Sir.

(d) The State Agriculture Universities are providing knowledge/training to the various beekeepers. The Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) has also organized training programmes for beekeepers in Delhi, Kerala, Assam and West Bengal. Consultant from the leading honey testing laboratory from Germany has been associated with the programme. Value of foreign exchange earned from export of honey has been given at (b) above .

(e)&(f) APEDA provides financial assistance to its registered exporters under following Schemes for Market Development, Infrastructure Development ,Quality Development, Research and Development to give impetus to export of agri products including honey. APEDA is implementing a residue monitoring plan for control of residues of pesticides and drugs for export to the European Union.